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SUBJ: VERLIGTE ACTION LAUNCHED IN CAPE PROVINCE

REF: CAPE TOWN 575

1. VERLIGTE ACTION (VA) LAUNCHED ITS CAPE PROVINCE ACTIVITIES WITH A MEETING IN THE CAPE TOWN CITY HALL ON THE EVENING OF SEPTEMBER 12. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS SOME EIGHT SPEAKERS HEADED BY NATIONAL VA LEADER ELIAS OLIVIER AND ITS CAPE LEADER, PROFESSOR N.J.J. ("NIC") OLIVIER OF STELLENBOSCH, ADDRESSED A MODERATE SIZED BUT ENTHUSIASTIC AUDIENCE ON THE NEED FOR CONCERNED CITIZENS TO ACT OUTSIDE THE POLITICAL STRUCTURE TO IMPROVE RACE RELATIONS.

2. THREE MAIN THEMES OF SPEAKERS WERE (1) NEED TO KEEP CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATIONS OPEN BETWEEN RACES; (2) FEELING OF FRUSTRATION BUILDING UP AMONG BLACK PEOPLE; AND (3) NEED TO ELIMINATE HUMILIATIONS

TO BLACK AND BROWN PEOPLE. IN PARTICULAR, PRESS NOTED STATEMENTS OF TWO FOLLOWING COLORED AND BLACK SPEAKERS: REVEREND ABEL HENDRICKS OF METHODIST CHURCH DWELLED ELOQUENTLY (ACCORDING TO DIE BURGER) ON DIFFICULTY OF KEEPING COMMUNICATIONS OPEN BETWEEN  
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PEOPLE WHO HAD LITTLE CONTACT AND WERE SUSPICIOUS OF EACH OTHER.

LUCY MVUBELO, TRADE UNIONIST LEADER, SAID "BLACK WORKER WANTS WHAT THE SOUTH AFRICAN WORKER WANTS, AND IN THE PROCESS HE DOES NOT WISH TO DESTROY HIS FELLOW SOUTH AFRICAN....IT MUST COME SPEEDILY OR ELSE THE BLACKS WILL GO IT ALONE WHICH WILL BE TRAGIC FOR EVERYONE."

3. ON SEPTEMBER 14 ANTHONY HEARD, EDITOR OF CAPE TIMES, TOLD REPORTING OFFICER HE HAD BEEN FOLLOWING VA WITH CONSIDERABLE INTEREST, ESPECIALLY BECAUSE IT REFLECTED FRUSTRATIONS OF LIBERAL AFRIKANERS WHO ARE GIVING UP HOPE THAT POLITICAL PARTIES CAN IMPROVE RACE RELATIONS. HOWEVER, HE DID NOT SEE HOW VA COULD STEER CLEAR OF POLITICAL ISSUES AND AVOID BECOMING A POLITICAL ORGANIZATION. THIS WOULD ADD YET ANOTHER DIVERSIVE ELEMENT IN THE LIBERAL AREA OF THE POLITICAL SPECTRUM. GAMON.

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